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1. SUMMARY: DESPITE FORWARD-LOOKING AND NON-POLEMICAL STANCE
RECENTLY ASSUMED BY CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WITH
REGARD TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS (REFTELS), IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
THE CONTROLLED MEDIA HAVE RECENTLY REACHED NEW HEIGHTS OF VIRULENCE
IN THEIR ANTI-US PROPAGANDA--ESPECIALLY ON ARMS CONTROL AND HUMAN
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RIGHTS QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER WEEK OF SLANTED REPORTING OF NEUTRON WARHEAD DECISION AND
NEW YORK BLACKOUT, RUDE PRAVO JULY 20 RAN FIRST IN NEW SERIES OF
ARTICLES ATTACKING UNITED STATES FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF FINAL ACT.
WHILE ALLEGATIONS ARE ONES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE, THIS
ARTICLE'S PARTICULARLY VIRULENT TONE AND ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT

CARTER HAVE PROMPTED THE CHARGE TO PROTEST ONCE MORE DISTORTED
LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF US AFFAIRS IN WORKING MEETING WITH
MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ZANTOVSKY JULY 21 (REF C).

3. UNSIGNED, THREE-COLUMN ARTICLE ENTITLED "FINAL ACT AND THE
UNITED STATES," SUBTITLED "WHITE HOUSE WORDS AND DEEDS"
BEGINS WITH FAMILIAR ALLEGATION THAT USG FAILED TO PUBLISH FINAL
AIN IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS: "NO MAJOR BOOKSTORE IN NEW YORK HAS
THE FINAL ACT AVAILABLE TODAY." ARTICLE GOES ON TO CHARGE THAT
USG "GROSSLY INTERFERES" IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL
SYSTEMS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, THAT HENRY KISSINGER "FORBADE THE
ITALIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR POLITICAL PARTIES TO ALLOW COMMUNISTS TO
PARTICIPATE IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT," AND THAT HUMAN RIGHTS
CAMPAIGN HAS A GOAL "CREATION AND SUPPORT OF AN INTERNAL
OPPOSITION WITHIN THE STATES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY."

4. WE COULD CITE MANY SIMILAR PASSAGES FROM ARTICLE, SUMMARY
TRANSLATION OF WHICH ROUTINELY BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.
SECRETARY VANCE IS NAMED FOR HAVING APPROVED "ATTACK" BY
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN JANUARY;
PRESIDENT CARTER IS CRITICIZED FOR SEEKING TO INCREASE
BUDGETS OF RADIOS LIBERTY AND FREE EUROPE AND FOR HAVING
RECEIVED BUKOVSKY, AND CZECHOSLOVAK GOLD IS SAID TO HAVE
BEEN USED BY UNITED STATES AS A MEANS OF POLITICAL PRESSURE.

5. COMMENT: SOFTER, LESS POLEMICAL STANCE ASSUMED BY
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MFA OFFICIALS JABLONSKY AND ZANTOVUQY IS CLEARLY OUT OF STEP
WITH CONTINUING ANTI-US MEDIA CAMPAIGN HERE. IN
MEETING WITH ZANTOVSKY JULY 21, CHARGE MADE CLEAR THAT HOPES
OF IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD PROVE VAIN WITHOUT
CORRESPONDING AMELIORATION OF PRESS TREATMENT OF UNITED STATES
BY CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA.
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